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state with reference to answers given to Question No. 2376 on 22nd September 1955 the steps taken by the Government to put down the betting on New York Cotton prices in mufassal areas?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : In the mufassal, betting on cotton prices is prevalent only in the districts of Chingleput, North Arcot, South Arcot and South Kanara. Police action to raid suspected premises and to round up persons involved in such activities has been intensified in these districts. As a result, the number of such crimes has been reduced.

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM : Sir, the feeling is that the stake-holders are not tackled by the police but only the people who resort to betting with small amounts. I do not think that this rounding up of betters with small amounts is going to put an end to this crime. It is necessary and essential that the stake-holders must be rounded up and brought to book. So, will the Government consider the matter and see whether action is taken against the stake-holders?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think the impression which the hon. Member mentioned, is prevalent among the public is correct. As a matter of fact, very strong action is being taken against those who organize this betting.

SRI S. DAIVASIGAMONEY : Is the Hon. Minister aware that in their anxiety to put down betting on cotton prices, the police officers round up all persons irrespective of the fact whether they are persons who actually bet on New York Cotton prices or not, so as to show statistics to the Government and the authorities concerned?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think this is correct.

Judicial officers of Malabar district

* 163 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether Government have received any representations in June 1956 from individual Judicial Officers of the Malabar district regarding their service conditions in the event of the reorganization of States?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Has the list of Judicial Officers to be transferred from this State to the future Kerala State and from the Travancore-Cochin State to this State, been finalized?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I cannot say it is finalized. But the lists have been prepared and final decisions will be taken soon.

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Has any officer been compelled to go to the new State against his will?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : As far as possible we have taken into account the wishes of the officers also but that is not the sole criterion and perhaps in some cases some people are being posted to Malabar and being transferred to the Kerala State even against their will.

SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : May I know the requests contained in the representations of these Judicial Officers?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The request is that their status and pay should not be affected by being allotted to the Kerala State. That is a matter which has been provided for in the States Reorganization Act itself.

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : In the list that has been prepared and awaiting final approval, is there any Judge of the Madras High Court being transferred to the Kerala State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : That has not been considered by the Government at any stage. I think, that will have to be considered by the Government of India.

Fee compensation to managements

* 164 Q.—SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether disbursements have been completed by the Government towards payment of fee compensation to the managements of aided elementary schools in the State for loss sustained by them on account of the full-fee concessions granted by them to pupils of the Vanniyakula Kshatriya caste consequent upon a Government notification;

(*b*) whether arrears are still due to any managements in the South Arcot district; and

(*c*) If so, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (*a*) *to* (*c*) Compensation in respect of fee concession to Vanniyakula Kshatriyas is not paid as a separate grant to the managements of schools. It is paid along with other similar compensation grants and the payments are made quarterly. No complaints have been received by the Government that these payments are not made.

SRI V. R. NAGARAJAN : Has the Mahatma Gandhi Patasala at Villupuram submitted a petition to the Government complaining of arrears of payment and if so, whether the arrears will be cleared off as early as possible?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I wound like to have notice with regard to this individual item.

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : It is evident from the answer that this compensation, though it is paid along with the